1. Nagaland
2. Chandigarh
3. Tripura
4. Uttar Pradesh

**Petrol in Gorewell**

668. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that petrol has been discovered in the Gorewell drilled in Bhagawan Naik Thanda, Yenkur Madal, Nalgoda district in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Shortage of diesel in M.P.**

669. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that now a days the State of Madhya Pradesh particularly Bhopal, Indore and other places are facing acute shortage of diesel and in the month of June Media reported large queue of vehicles at petrol pumps waiting for diesel and most of petrol pumps were without diesel affecting the transport system and agriculture sector adversely;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons for the shortage of diesel in Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) what action Government have taken to end this shortage in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Sporadic shortages of diesel were experienced in Bhopal, Indore and some other places in Madhya Pradesh during June, 1992.

(b) and (c) Various factors like abnormally high off-takes, longer turn-around time by the Railways due to long distance haulage of product etc. were some of the reasons for shortage of diesel in M.P. Even though the situation was brought under control, the recent truck operators' strike has again affected the supply position. Action is, however, constantly on to ensure supply of adequate diesel to various parts of M.P.

**Import of crude oil**

670. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have entered into an agreement with Iran to import 2 million tonnes of crude oil;

(b) what is the estimated projected import of crude and petroleum products during the current financial year;

(c) what are the sources from which the remaining quantity of crude/petroleum products are going to be imported;

(d) what is the estimated growth rate in the consumption of petroleum products during the current financial year; and

(e) what is the estimated cost involved in the import of crude/petroleum products during the current financial year and by what percentage it is higher than the last year's imports (in foreign exchange)?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Indian Oil Corporation have entered into a term contract with M/s. National Iranian Oil Company, Iran to import 2.0 MMT crude oil during 1992-93.

(b) At present, Government have approved the import of 26.66 MMT of crude oil and upto 10.6 MMT middle distillates within a ceiling of US $ 5.1 billion and about 1.32 MMT of other petroleum products.

(c) The remaining quantities would be imported both under term contracts as well as in sport purchases.

(d) and (e) Consumption of petroleum products will depend upon several factors including level of economic activity, availability of foreign exchange etc. The import bill during the current year will depend upon the prices prevailing in the international market.

**Indigenous production of petroleum products**

671. SHRI S.K.T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken to meet the ever growing requirement of petroleum and petroleum products in the country;

(b) whether there is a possibility of augmenting the production of petroleum and petroleum products from indigenous source to meet the total requirement of the country;

(c) what is the estimated requirement of petrol, diesel, natural gas and other petroleum products for the year 1992-93; and

(d) what is the estimated production of these products during the year 1992-93?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Efforts are being made to increase the production of crude oil and petroleum products by taking up new oil production projects, expansion of refining capacities of some of the existing refineries and setting up of new refineries. Efforts are also being made to attract private sector investments into these areas with a view to speed up these activities. However, imports are likely to continue for meeting the demand of crude oil and petroleum products.

(c) Consumption of petroleum products will depend upon several factors including level of economic activity, availability of foreign exchange, etc.

(d) Estimated production of Petrol, Diesel, Natural Gas and other petroleum products based on the preliminary estimates for the year 1992-93 are as under:—

| Products | Estimated production |
|---|---|
| Petrol . . . | 3872 TMT |
| HSD . . . | 17498 TMT |
| Other products . | 29434 TMT |
| Natural Gas . . | 19286 MMSCM |

**गैस पर आधारित परियोजनाओं के लिए गैस की उपलब्धता**

672. **श्री लक्खी राम अग्रवाल :** क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश सरकार ने गैस पर आधारित विद्युत परियोजनाओं के लिए गैस की उपलब्धता सुनिश्चित करने के लिए कोई प्रस्ताव भेजा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने इस संबंध में कोई निर्णय लिया है ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो कब तक निर्णय ले लिये जाने की संभावना है ?

**पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री बी. शंकरानन्द) :** (क) जी, हां।

(ख) और (ग) एच. बी. जे. पाइपलाइन से गैस की उपलब्धता नहीं होने की स्थिति में मध्य प्रदेश में गैस पर आधारित परियोजना के लिए गैस का आवंटन संभव नहीं है।

**एच. डी. एम. पाइपलाइन से गैस की आपूर्ति**

673. **श्री राम नरेश यादव :** क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :